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BLM Requests Comments on Ring of Fire Draft Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement

ANCHORAGE – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is releasing the Ring of Fire Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for a 90-day period of public review and comment. The Ring of Fire Draft RMP/EIS will provide management guidance for resource decisions on 1.3 million acres of BLM-administered public land in southeast and southcentral Alaska and the Aleutian Islands.

The public is invited to review and comment on the range and adequacy of the draft alternatives and associated environmental effects. For comments to be most helpful, they should relate to specific concerns or conflicts that are within the legal responsibilities of the BLM and can be resolved in this planning process.

The two-volume Ring of Fire Draft RMP/EIS is available in hard copy and on CD at the BLM Anchorage Field Office at 6881 Abbott Loop Road. Written comments should be mailed or hand delivered to the BLM Anchorage Field Office, Ring of Fire RMP/EIS, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, AK 99507. Comments may also be sent via email to Robert Lloyd, Planning Team Leader, at *akrofrmp@blm.gov*.

For more information about the Ring of Fire planning process or to request a copy of the Draft RMP/EIS, contact the BLM at (907) 267-1246 or (800) 478-1263.